

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS CONFERENCE

This information bulletin is to invite you to attend the forthcoming 11th annual Building Partnerships Conference. This conference, held in conjunction with the three regional Rapid Response roundtables, is sponsored by the Workforce and Economic Development Program (WED) of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. This year's conference, "Building Workforce Partnerships on a Tight Budget", will address pertinent topics, including rapid response under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), training for incumbent workers, and layoff aversion, and will feature presentations from current partnership programs regarding best practices. A separate block of time is set aside for specific roundtable business.

Under the leadership of the California Labor Federation, the WED promotes and maintains the vital partnership link between labor organizations and the workforce investment system throughout the state. This linkage ensures that the system makes full and effective use of organized labor's employment and training resources for the revitalization of the state's economy. The WED is funded by a Governor's WIA Dislocated Worker 25 Percent grant, through the Employment Development Department, and by a grant from the California Employment Training Panel. The WED brokers employment and training partnerships among labor, industry, and government to assist California employers, unions, and workers in developing training projects for specific industries and regions in the state.

The conference will be held on May 28-30, 2003, at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco, California. For more information on the conference and hotel, visit [www.calaborfed.org](http://www.calaborfed.org) and click on "Building Workforce Partnerships on a Tight Budget." The cut-off date for registering at the hotel is April 11, 2003.

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